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Your petitioner, bioMérieux, Inc., has reviewed the evidentiary documents and certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee herein, bioMérieux, Inc.

The undersigned attorney of record is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

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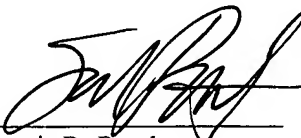
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